THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the guidelines, the States, Govt. was requested to accord priority in the formulation of its proposals for the Eighth Five Year Plan to (i) economic development; (ii) human development; (iii) agriculture development. Plan aims to generate adequate employment, alleviation of poverty to meet the most essential social needs. Need for greater mobilisation of resources by the State, encouragement to private sector participation where necessary; added attention for development of backward areas through appropriately designed programmes on a Sub-Plan integrated area development approach; and more participation of local institutions and voluntary non-governmental bodies in the development effort was also stressed. The State Government has by and large followed these guidelines in the formulation of its proposals for the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) Eighth Five Year Plan of the state has not been finalised.

New Formula for distribution of Central Assistance

1731. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new formula proposed by the Planning Commission for distribution of Central Assistance to the States during the Eighth Plan period had evoked divergent reactons from the Chief Ministers of different States as per the news item entitled "Cong-ruled States for more changes in aid formula", which appeared in the Hindustan Times of December 24, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details of the changes proposed in the new formula by the States, with State-wise reactions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Keeping in view the suggestions made by some of the Chief Ministers, the NDC approved the formula for distribution of Central Assistance as follows:

I. From the total Central assistance setting apart the funds, required for externally-aided-schemes, as is now being done;

II. providing from the balance, reasonable amounts for Special Area Programmes, viz.,

(a) Hill Areas;

(b) Tribal areas;

(c) Border areas; and

(d) N.E.C.;

III. keeping from the balance 30 percent for the ten Special Category States; and

IV. allocating the balance among the fifteen non-Special Category States as per the following Criteria;

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए बिहार को आबंटन

1732. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह :** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वित्तीय वर्ष 1990–91 और 1991–92 के दौरान बिहार को कितनी राशि वार्षिक योजना के लिए दी गई, उसमें से कितनी राशि बिहार सरकार ने वर्षवार खर्च की और कितनी राशि वापस लौटायी;

(ख) आठवीं योजना काल में बिहार को कितनी राशि दी जाएगी ताकि बिजली आदि की कमी को पूरा करके औद्योगिकरण का बुनियादी ढांचा खड़ा किया जा सके; और